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APPLICANT: Paul A. Brown

TITLE: HYBRID ELECTRICITY AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

**ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R §§ 3.71 and 3.73
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment being submitted for recording in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s).

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

Richard C. Auchterlonie, Reg. No. 30,607;
Wayne M. Harding, Reg. No. 26,555; and
J. Paul Williamson, Reg. No. 29,600

each an attorney with the law firm of ARNOLD, WHITE & DURKEE, as its attorney so long as they remain with such law firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to Norweb PLC, a copy of which is attached, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee. The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of Norweb PLC.

Please direct all communications as follows:

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ASSIGNEE: NORWEB PLC

BY: X Paul Brown yo
Name: DR. PAUL A. BROWN
Title: R&D Manager.

Date: 18th OCTOBER 1996.

ASSIGNMENT:

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Date: _____
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DATED 18 OCTOBER, 1996

PAUL A. BROWN

- to -

NORWEB PLC

ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT is dated the 18 day of OCTOBER, 1996,
and is made between PAUL A. BROWN of 30 Applerigg Kendal Cumbria
("the Assignor") and NORWEB plc of Talbot Road, Manchester M16
0HQ ("the Assignee").

The parties have agreed as follows:

1. In consideration of One Pound (1.00) (receipt of which is hereby acknowledged) the Assignor assigns to the Assignee all his right, title, and interest in the application for United States Letters Patent executed concurrently herewith as PCT/GB95/00893 and entitled "Hybrid Electricity and Telecommunications Distribution Network."

2. The Assignee acknowledges the Assignor's right to retain all such rights as inventor of the invention the subject of the above application as he may be permitted by law to retain whether by the application of the Laws of England or the laws relevant to the above application for United States Letters Patent.

3. The Assignee will indemnify the Assignor for all expenses incurred by him in prosecuting and maintaining the patent and to include for the avoidance of doubt all travel expenses.

4. The Assignee will indemnify the Assignor for all liabilities arising out of any claim, proceedings, judgement or actions in connection with the patent.

5. The Assignee will provide the Assignor with all necessary information and documentation that may be required by him to enable him to comply with his legal obligations.

6. The Assignor hereby authorises the issuing authority to issue any Letters Patent to the Assignee.

IN WITNESS of which the parties have signed this agreement on the date stated above.

SIGNED by
on behalf of NORWEB plc

) 
) DR. P.A. BROWN, R&D Manager, NORWEB plc.

SIGNED by Paul A. Brown
in the presence of

) 
) G. Threlfall.